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Dear Commissioner Henney,

I write in reference to Docket #98N-1038, Irradiation in the Production, Processing and Handling of Food.

First, I am opposed to irradiation. If we had food that was healthily grown, we wouldn't need irradiation.

Since we don't, and some people feel we need irradiation, we should at least give people the information they need to choose — in a democracy — whether they eat irradiated food or not.

I don't care whether scientists say it is safe. I don't want to eat irradiated food.

So you must continue, may strengthen, labeling of irradiated food, not weaken or eliminate it.

Information is vital in a democracy such as ours. That is filtered through elected representatives, bureaucracy, media and other economic and non economic vested interests.

With weakened or eliminated labeling, we lose the vital link to maintain a healthy democracy.

Regards,

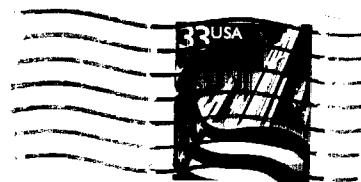
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